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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 26-41 are pending. Claims 1-25 have been canceled. Claims 26-41 have been added.

Claims 26-41 have been rejected.

Drawings

1. Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. New claims start with numbers 26 to 28 and then from 27 to 39, which produce two claims having number 27 and two claims having number 28. Mis-numbered claims 27-39 have been renumbered 29-41.
3. The renumbered claim 29 depends on canceled claim 3. Correction is required. The Examiner interprets it as depending on claim 28.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 26-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warn et al. (A Straightforward Model for Computer Performance Prediction, Computing Surveys Vol. 7, No. 2 June 1975).

4. As per claim 26, Warn teaches a computer system comprising:

internal memory (p. 80, section Hardware Configuration Changes, paragraph 1); and
an input/output section (p. 75 col. 1, section The Model, paragraph 1);

but does not teach the rate of input/output transactions in said input/output section is exponentially related to the amount of internal memory.

However, Warn teaches the input/output transaction response time is exponentially related to the internal memory (col. 2 paragraph 2 and Fig. 4). Transaction rate is the

inversely proportional to transaction's response time, so it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to be able to relate the transaction rate to the internal memory exponentially based on Warn's teachings. By relating the transaction rate to the internal memory, it would have facilitated the calculation of number of terminal devices can be connected to I/O section (p. 81 col. 1 paragraph 2).

5. As per claim 27, Warn teaches CPU time used for I/O transactions reaches an asymptotic limit for said rate of input/output transactions (p. 81 Fig. 4). This teaching implies the relation between the rate of input/output transactions and the amount of memory includes an asymptotic limit for said rate of input/output transactions.
6. As per claim 28, Warn, as discussed in claim 27, implies asymptotic limit for said rate of input/output transactions, and together with the exponential function relationship between the rate of input/output transactions and the amount of memory, it is obvious that a maximum rate of said input/output transactions is included.
7. As per claim 29, Warn suggests the relation between the rate of input/output transactions and the amount of memory includes:
 - a maximum rate of input/output transactions;
 - an asymptotic limit for said rate of input/output transactions; and
 - an exponential decay from said maximum transaction rate to said asymptotic limit as a function of an amount of said internal memory.

On page 78 col. 1 equations 2-3 & 2-4 and page 81 Fig. 4, On page 81 Fig. 4, Warn teaches the exponential relationship between the transaction rate and sizes of memory.

From the graph, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to provide a function of form $a+e^{(c+bx)}$ to express it. Then from equations 2-3 & 2-4, throughput/transaction rate can be derived also in a form $d+e^{(f+gx)}$. These d, e, and g parameters are corresponding to a maximum rate of input/output transactions, an asymptotic limit for said rate of input/output transactions, and an exponential decay from said maximum transaction rate to said asymptotic limit as a function of an amount of said internal memory.

8. As per claim 30, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 29. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
9. As per claim 31, Warn teaches at least one storage device to support said input/output transaction rate (p. 75 Fig. 1).
10. As per claim 32, Warn teaches at least one bus for communication between said storage device and said computer system to support said input/output transaction rate (p. 75 Fig. 1).
11. As per claim 33, it is common knowledge that an external storage device communicates with a computer via an interface card. This claim is, therefore, rejected.
12. As per claim 34, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 26. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
13. As per claim 35, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 27. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.

14. As per claim 36, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 28. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
15. As per claim 37, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 29. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
16. As per claim 38, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 30. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
17. As per claim 39, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 31. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
18. As per claim 40, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 32. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.
19. As per claim 41, these limitations have already been discussed in claim 33. They are, therefore, rejected for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cuong V. Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-8572. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah, can be reached on 571-272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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